



WILLIAM WHYTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Community Report 2020-2021



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

William Whyte Community School is a place where students, families, community and staff are appreciated and respected. We provide an inclusive and safe learning environment where every student can reach their full potential.

At William Whyte School we believe that everyone can be: K.I.N.D.

- Be safe (KeeP our hands and feet to ourselves)
- I am a learner
- Create a Nurturing and positive environment
- Do our best



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

William Whyte School is a Nursery to Grade 8 School situated in the heart of Winnipeg School Division. Academic programming at William Whyte takes place in a safe, positive learning environment and focuses on the acquisition of skills that will support life-long learning. Celebrations of student learning include Student-Led Conferences where students share their portfolios and talk about their learning. The home-school partnership is an essential component of academic success at William Whyte.

School Compliment:

Principal: Wendy Verbong

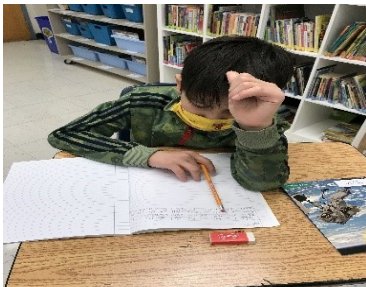
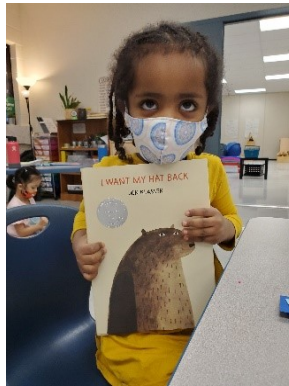
Vice Principal: Daniel Braga

Staff: 16 Classroom Teachers, 6 Support Teachers, 10 Educational Assistants, 2 Clerks, 3 Custodians, 2 Community Support Workers, 1 Food Coordinator, 1 Crossing Guard

HIGHLIGHTS

Even during the pandemic there were many programs, initiatives and events that highlighted our year.

- ❖ *Pro-Social teachings (Project 11 and Second Step*
- ❖ *Self-Regulation KIND Zone Classroom*
- ❖ *Free breakfast, snack and lunch program*
- ❖ *School Resource officer*
- ❖ *Read To Me school-wide literacy framework*
- ❖ *Dental, Vision & Hearing Programs*
- ❖ *I Love to Read Month*
- ❖ *Anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day & Orange Shirt Day*
- ❖ *Nursery/Kindergarten Talk to Me Speech and Language Program*
- ❖ *Reading Recovery*
- ❖ *Career week for grade 7/8*
- ❖ *Level Justice Program*



- ❖ **Mindfulness: breathing bracelets**
- ❖ **LIST Program**
- ❖ **Rock Wall**
- ❖ **Bridging the Gap program / Canadian Wildlife Federation WILD Spaces program**
- ❖ **Outdoor classroom**
- ❖ **Gardening**
- ❖ **"Caught Being KIND"**
- ❖ **Art Program,**
- ❖ **Fiddle Program**
- ❖ **Keyboarding**
- ❖ **Sharing Dance**
- ❖ **Frontier College**
- ❖ **Kids in the Kitchen**
- ❖ **Hampers**
- ❖ **Youth4Truth and Reconciliation seminar**

Priorities for 2020-2021

Literacy: Students will engage and participate in a Comprehensive Literacy program. Students will engage and participate in opportunities for oral and written communication.

Numeracy: Students will be introduced to a problem-solving approach to mathematics. Students will engage in rich mathematical tasks that are “low floor/high ceiling” to ensure active participation at all skill levels.

Indigenous Education: Indigenous perspectives will be evident in all school priorities. Students will produce evidence of learning (evidence of observation, conversation, product) from a curricular area that reflects Indigenous perspectives and self-reflect on their learning.

Safe and Healthy School: Students will be able to articulate and demonstrate the KIND acronym in their daily learning. Students will participate in daily mindful minutes and will gain skills to be able to recognize and use tools to regulate their emotions.



Priorities for 2021 – 2022

1. Continue to strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students using the Principals of Learning, Inclusive Education, and the infusion of information and communication technology.
2. To further improve school attendance through the exploration of additional programs and strategies
3. To strengthen and enhance ESD initiatives that address environment, social and economic issues worldwide.
4. Continue to support the integration of Indigenous perspectives in all areas.



To Our Community Partners.

Winnipeg Harvest	United Way
Music Equals	Winnipeg Ballet
Boys & Girls Club	Power Up
The Moore Group	Pyjama Project
Johnston Family	Food Rescue
Ms. Thau	Private Donators

Thank you

WITH & FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Frontier College

Frontier College provided us with 75 literacy packages to give to the children, ages 0 – 6 in the community.

Career Week

10 different people from the community representing 10 different careers came and spoke to our grade 7/8 classes.



Hampers

During this school year, the pandemic, and the shift to remote learning, we thought we would use the donations from Winnipeg Harvest and other donors in a different way. We were very happy to help some of our community families. The continued generosity of our Community friends and partners has allowed us to create food hampers for families for the months of April, May and June. We have helped 86 families and 234 children with these hampers.



Baking Buddies

Once a week, 4 different students came into the Nutrition Room to bake. They made Rice Krispy squares, muffins, cookies and bannock. There was a total of 34 students who participated in the program. Each student received a certificate of participation and a personalized cookbook for them to use with their families at home. It smelled great!



Cooking Web Series

This year during remote learning, the grade 7/8 classes took part in a web cooking series. They made Nori Tamagoyaki (seaweed omelette), Hearty Breakfast Muffins and Baked Feta Tomato Pasta. All ingredients needed were delivered to the students' homes. Their teachers then made a video instructing the students on how to make it at home. This activity broadened the minds of our students as well as their palates.